Editorial

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This new year and its first issue of *Statistical Papers* brings a few changes in the editorial board that we would like to inform about.

Firstly, Christine Müller, who has been coordinating editor-in-chief for the past 10 years, has stepped down and will soon assume her newly gained duties as a grandmother. Under her editorship, *Statistical Papers* has grown from a relatively unknown regional journal into a broadly recognized international outlet for statistical theory and practice. For instance, in the Clarivate Impact Factor rankings, *SP* has moved from the lowest to the second quartile, and in the Scimago ranking from lowest even to the first during that period. The number of submissions has risen from under 300 to more than 600 last year and we have accordingly increased the number of issues from 4 to 6 per year.

We would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank Christine for her diligence, hard work and devotion towards our journal and wish her all the best for enjoying the pleasures of her retirement.

We are grateful that she will continue to handle the submissions she had received until the end of the past year until they have been brought to a final decision (so you might still hear from her).

The new coordinating editor-in-chief will from now on be Werner G. Müller from the Institute for Applied Statistics of the Johannes Kepler University in Linz, Austria, who had already been editor-in-chief since 2010. The editorial office of *Statistical Papers* will consequently move from Dortmund to the JKU in Linz, where

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the administrative tasks are now handled by the new editorial assistant Alexandra Stadler. Our gratitude goes to Melissa Mleczkowski for her devoted service to *SP* in this role in the past. Potential authors should be aware that all communication should now be directed towards statistical.papers@jku.at.

Already in the past year Ulrike Schneider (TU Wien) has been added as a new editor-in-chief and Carsten Jentsch (TU Dortmund University), formerly responsible for the book review section, has taken over the same responsibilities. Book reviews are now handled by the new associate editor Christopher Walsh.

The rest of editorial board has seen a dynamic transformation as well, e.g., by the recent inclusions of Joseph B. Lang, Lukas Steinberger and Anders Bredahl Kock.

We are optimistic that this new setup will continue to successfully cope with the challenges to come and to provide an essential service to our scientific community through our journal.